

By Mr. BROWNBAC (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1155. A bill to establish a commission to conduct a comprehensive review of Federal agencies and programs and to recommend the elimination or realignment of duplicative, wasteful, or outdated functions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1156. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the credit period for electricity produced from renewable resources at certain facilities, to extend the credit for electricity produced from certain renewable resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 1157. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat gold, silver, platinum, and palladium, in either coin or bar form, in the same manner as equities and mutual funds for purposes of maximum capital gains rate for individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1158. A bill to impose a 6-month moratorium on terminations of certain plans instituted under section 4042 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 in cases in which reorganization of contributing sponsors is sought in bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. SMITH, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KYL, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1159. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1160. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore, increase, and make permanent the exclusion from gross income for amounts received under qualified group legal services plan; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 157. A resolution congratulating Carrie Underwood for winning the "American Idol" television program and thanking her for being a positive role model; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LOTT, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. TALENT, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BROWNBAC, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 158. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the week beginning September 11, 2005, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. Res. 159. A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association and its members vital contribution to the oil and gas industry of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. Con. Res. 39. A concurrent resolution to express the sense of Congress on the Purple Heart; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. Con. Res. 40. A concurrent resolution recognizing and commending the President and the governments of other countries that have participated in the Proliferation Security Initiative for the historic efforts and successes of the Proliferation Security Initiative in reducing the threat posed by illicit trafficking in weapons of mass destruction, their means of delivery, and related materials, on the occasion of the second anniversary of the establishment of the Proliferation Security Initiative; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 20

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 20, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce the number of abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 103

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 103, a bill to respond to the illegal production, distribution, and use of methamphetamine in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to improve authorities to address urgent nonproliferation crises and United States nonproliferation operations.

S. 327

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 327, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the tip credit to certain employers and to promote tax compliance.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 333, a bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr.

REID), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 392, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress, collectively, to the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces.

S. 418

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 418, a bill to protect members of the Armed Forces from unscrupulous practices regarding sales of insurance, financial, and investment products.

S. 438

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 438, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 593

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 593, a bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that the provisions relating to countervailing duties apply to nonmarket economy countries.

S. 603

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBAC) was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 642

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) were added as cosponsors of S. 642, a bill to support certain national youth organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

S. 793

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 793, a bill to establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels into the waters of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 844

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S.

844, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce the number of abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 935

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to regulate .50 caliber sniper weapons designed for the taking of human life and the destruction of materiel, including armored vehicles and components of the Nation's critical infrastructure.

S. 936

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 936, a bill to ensure privacy for e-mail communications.

S. 962

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 962, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to holders of qualified bonds issued to finance certain energy projects, and for other purposes.

S. 985

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 985, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish kinship guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 1049

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1049, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide grants to promote innovative outreach and enrollment under the medicaid and State children's health insurance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1055

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1055, a bill to improve elementary and secondary education.

S. 1062

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1062, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 1075

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1075, a bill to postpone the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment.

S. 1081

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1081, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a minimum update for physicians' services for 2006 and 2007.

S. 1110

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1110, a bill to amend the Federal Hazardous Substances Act to require engine coolant and antifreeze to contain a bittering agent in order to render the coolant or antifreeze unpalatable.

S. 1112

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1112, a bill to make permanent the enhanced educational savings provisions for qualified tuition programs enacted as part of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1120, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States by half by 2010, and for other purposes.

S. 1127

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1127, a bill to require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress all documentation related to the Secretary's recommendations for the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment.

S.J. RES. 18

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 18, a joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

S. CON. RES. 20

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 20, a concurrent resolution expressing the need for enhanced public awareness of traumatic brain injury and support for the designation of a National Brain Injury Awareness Month.

S. RES. 153

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 153, a resolution expressing the support of Congress for the observance of the National Moment of Remembrance at 3:00 pm local time on this and every Memorial Day to acknowledge the sacrifices made on the behalf of all Americans for the cause of liberty.

AMENDMENT NO. 762

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Ar-

kansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 762 intended to be proposed to S. 1042, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 1129. A bill to provide authorizations of appropriations for certain development banks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation authorizing replenishment of funds to three of the five multilateral development banks, as requested by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. In addition, this legislation includes a long list of reform measures, intended to bring about transparency and accountability at all of the MDBs—the World Bank, the African Development Bank, the Asian Bank, the Inter-American Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The World Bank, was the first MDB to be established in 1944, followed by the African Development Bank, 1964 and the Asian Development Bank, 1966. The shared original purpose of the three banks was to encourage economic development and reduce poverty in geographic regions impacted by the respective institutions.

I support the original operating purpose of the banks. However, I am deeply concerned that massive amounts of funds are not utilized as originally intended, due to diversion of those funds.

In 2003, I received information from credible sources within the MDBs alleging corruption on various fronts. As a result, I instructed staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to commence collecting information on the anti-corruption strategies, and successes of each bank.

Based on the initial findings, I launched an investigation, reviewing corruption at the banks and their efforts to combat it. To date, I have chaired four hearings and sent letters of inquiry regarding individual projects to the bank presidents. Committee staff have interviewed scores of NGO representatives, bank insiders, academics and others, and have visited problem projects in six countries. Far too often, projects intended to boost economic development are derailed, and the poor suffer, unable to realize projected benefits in quality health care, clean water and education.

While the United States is one of dozens of donors, the financial contribution of American taxpayers over the years to these three institutions alone